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REFS: A) BUCHAREST 1778; B) BUCHAREST 1132; C) BUCHAREST A-92

1. SUMMARY: DEP. FOREIGN MIN. NICOLAE GHENEA CALLED IN CHARGE MAY 14 TO ASK USG SUPPORT IN UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL FOR ACCEPTANCE OF ROMANIAN COUNTRY PROGRAM (REF B AND C). EMBASSY DOES IN FACT RECOMMEND SUCH SUPPORT. END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER GHENEA BRIEFLY DESCRIBED MAIN UNDP PROGRAMS, CHARGE NOTED THAT EMBASSY WAS WELL- ACQUAINTED WITH UNDP PROGRAMS IN ROMANIA AND CONSIDERED THEM WELL- CONCEIVED AND WORTHY OF SUPPORT.

WE WOULD RECOMMEND (AS INDEED WE HAVE ALREADY DONE IN REF B),
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THAT US SUPPORT THIS PROGRAM. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION, WE ALSO USED OPPORTUNITY TO NOTE THAT US HAD SHOWN COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE IN PROPOSING US CANDIDATES FOR NUCLEAR POWER PROJECT AND FOR MURES PROJECT ALTHOUGH OUR CANDIDATE FOR FIRST OF THESE HAD NOT BEEN ACCEPTED.

3. UNDP REPRESENTATIVE ROTIVAL TELLS US THAT GHENEA PLANS TO MAKE SIMILAR APPROACHES TO NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES REPRESENTED ON UNDP GOVERNING BOARD. ROTIVAL ALSO REPORTS SOME HIGH-LEVEL GOR CONCERN THAT UNDP MAY NOT SEND A REPLACEMENT FOR HIM WHEN HE LEAVES, A FACTOR THAT MAY MAKE JUNE VISIT OF UNDP DIRECTOR RUDOLF PETERSEN OF SOME CONSEQUENCE TO GOR. ROTIVAL BELIEVES, AND WE STRONGLY CONCUR, THAT PRESENCE OF UNDP PERMANENT REP HERE IS A VALUABLE POLITICAL ASSET FOR WEST IN ADDITION TO ITS TECHNICAL UTILITY.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS: EMBASSY URGES US SUPPORT FOR MAIN OUTLINES OF ROMANIAN UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAM AS STATED REFS B AND C. MARTENS

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